

Group V (claims 65-68) drawn to compositions containing a particle and a function unit without the particles being required to be segmented, classified in Class 436, subclass 10.

Group VI (claims 69-72) drawn to methods for encoding information via an assembly of segmented differentiable particles incorporated into a material, classified in Class 702, subclass 26.

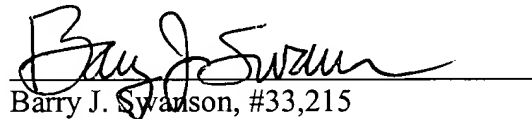
Group VII (claims 73-86) drawn to methods of conducting one or more assay(s) utilizing a segmented particle, classified in Class 435, subclass 4-6 and 7.1.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-36) drawn to freestanding segmented particles without traverse.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and an authorization to charge all fees therefore to deposit account No. 19-5117 if not otherwise specifically requested. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees created by the filing of this document or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to be charged to deposit account No. 19-5117.

Respectfully submitted,

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